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## DESCRIPTION

### SIGNAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

#### TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a signal transmission system for transmitting picture signals and, more particularly, to a signal transmission system in which hardware configurations of the video signal transmitting end and receiving end can be simplified.

#### BACKGROUND ART

A prior art example will be described with reference to figure 17. Figure 17 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of a conventional signal transmission system.

In figure 17, reference numeral 1701 denotes a video signal output unit (transmitting end) such as a STB (Set-top box), which outputs a video signal. Numeral 1702 denotes an MPEG decoder, which receives digital broadcasting and outputs baseband Y color-difference signals. Numeral 1703 denotes a signal conversion circuit, which converts the Y color-difference signals into RGB signals. Numeral 1704 denotes a transmission path encoding circuit, which encodes the signals converted by the signal conversion circuit 1703 into signals in formats suited to the transmission path. Numeral 1705 denotes





According to Claim 1 of the present invention, there is provided a signal transmission system for transmitting a video signal, comprising: a signal transmission unit including; a decoder which receives digital broadcasting and outputs a luminance signal and two color difference signals, and an encoding circuit which encodes the luminance signal and the respective color difference signals into signal forms suited to a transmission path, and transmits the encoded signals; and a signal reception unit including; a decoding circuit which receives the encoded luminance signal and respective color difference signals, and decodes these signals, a luminance signal processing circuit which processes the decoded luminance signal, a color difference signal processing circuit which

processes the respective decoded color difference signals, and a signal conversion circuit which converts the luminance signal outputted from the luminance signal processing circuit and the respective color difference signals outputted from the color difference signal processing circuit into RGB signals.

Therefore, it is possible to realize a signal transmission system in which hardware configurations at the video signal transmitting end and receiving end can be simplified.

According to Claim 2 of the present invention, there is provided a signal transmission system for transmitting a video signal through a transmission path, comprising: a signal transmission unit including; a decoder which receives digital broadcasting and outputs a luminance signal and two color difference signals, a time division multiplexing circuit which sub-samples the two color difference signals to signals with half pixel rates, subjects the signals to time division multiplexing, and outputs a multiplexed signal, and an encoding circuit which encodes the luminance signal and the multiplexed signal into signal forms suited to a transmission path, and transmits the encoded signals; and a signal reception unit including; a decoding circuit which receives the encoded luminance signal and multiplexed signal, and decodes these signals, a demultiplexing circuit which demultiplexes the decoded multiplexed signal into the original two color difference signals, a luminance signal processing circuit which

According to Claim 3 of the present invention, there is provided a signal transmission system for transmitting a video signal and an audio signal, comprising: a signal transmission unit including; an MPEG decoder which receives digital broadcasting and outputs the video/audio signal, an output interface which outputs the video/sound signal that has been outputted from the MPEG decoder, an I2C controller which outputs an I2C (Inter IC control) signal, a CPU which controls the whole unit, and a program ROM which stores an operation program of the CPU; and a signal reception unit including; an input interface which receives the video/audio signal from the signal transmission unit, a device interface which converts the

video/audio signal into a video image and a sound, a video/audio output device which outputs the video image and the sound outputted from the device interface, to the outside, and an I2C controller which has a ROM table in which information relating to performance of the signal reception unit is stored, receives an I2C signal from the signal transmission unit, and outputs the information stored in the ROM table to the signal transmission unit according to a request from the signal transmission unit.

Therefore, the signal transmission unit can be previously informed of the performance of the signal reception unit, and signal transmission can be performed on the basis of the performance of the signal reception unit without transmitting a signal at a rate which cannot be scanned on the signal reception unit side as in the conventional system, thereby avoiding such a problem that no video image is displayed or no sound is outputted at the signal reception side.

According to Claim 4 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 3, the ROM table stores information relating to resolution of a video image that can be outputted from the video/audio output device.

Therefore, the signal transmission unit can be previously informed of the resolution of a video image that can be outputted from the signal reception unit, thereby realizing a signal transmission system which can avoid such a problem that

no video image is displayed.

According to Claim 5 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 3, the ROM table stores information relating to the number of channels of audio that can be outputted from the video/audio output device.

Therefore, the signal transmission unit can be previously informed of the number of channels of audio that can be outputted from the signal reception unit, thereby realizing a signal transmission system which can avoid such a problem that no sound is outputted.

According to Claim 6 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 3, the ROM table stores information relating to a signal conversion method for converting the luminance signal and color difference signals into RGB signals.

Therefore, the signal transmission unit can be previously informed of a signal conversion method to be performed at the signal reception unit side, thereby realizing a signal transmission system which can perform signal conversion correctly.

According to Claim 7 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 3, the ROM table stores information relating to gamma control of the video signal.

Therefore, the signal transmission unit can be previously



informed of gamma control of a video signal at the signal receiving end, whereby the transmission unit can output a non-enhanced video signal to the signal reception unit.

According to Claim 8 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 3, the ROM table stores information relating to whether or not the signal reception unit has a mode in which a video image is not subjected to enhancement processing.

Therefore, when the signal reception unit has a mode in which no enhancement processing is performed, the signal transmission unit can forcibly switch the reception unit to that mode, whereby the signal reception unit can display a video image which is not enhanced in color.

According to Claim 9 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 3, the ROM table stores information relating to a maker code and a device code of the signal reception unit.

Therefore, the signal transmission unit can be previously informed of the maker code and device code of the signal reception unit, and when up-conversion of a picture is carried out, the respective performances of the signal transmission unit and the signal reception unit are compared, and either of these units having better performance can be automatically selected.

According to Claim 10 of the present invention, in the

According to Claim 12 of the present invention, in the

signal transmission system as defined in Claim 11, the control information is information indicating a picture encoding method based on the MPEG standard, by which I, P, and B pictures can be discriminated from each other.

Therefore, it is possible to realize a signal transmission system which can set parameters for noise removal for every frame.

According to Claim 13 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 11, the control information is compression ratio information based on the MPEG standard.

Therefore, it is possible to realize a signal transmission system which can set parameters for noise removal for every frame.

According to Claim 14 of the present invention, in the signal transmission system as defined in Claim 11, the control information is information indicating whether a material before being MPEG-encoded is picked up by progressive scanning or interlaced scanning.

Therefore, the signal reception unit can select a method of conversion from interlacing to progressive.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of a signal transmission system according to a first embodiment.



selector in the signal transmission system according to the fourth embodiment.

Figure 13 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of the receiving end of the signal transmission system according to the fourth embodiment.

Figure 14 is a diagram showing an example of a control signal transmitted for each frame in the signal transmission system according to the fourth embodiment.

Figure 15 is a conventional block diagram illustrating a conversion circuit when converting a telecine material from 24p into for example 60p.

Figure 16 is a diagram illustrating a field repeat signal transmission system in the fourth embodiment.

Figure 17 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of a conventional signal transmission system.

#### BEST MODE TO EXECUTE THE INVENTION

Hereinafter, embodiments of the present invention will be described with reference to the drawings. The embodiments described here are merely examples and the present invention is not restricted to these embodiments.

(Embodiment 1)

Hereinafter, a signal transmission system according to a first embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to figure 1.

Figure 1 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of the signal transmission system according to the first embodiment of the present invention.

In figure 1, numeral 101 denotes a video signal output unit such as a STB, which outputs a video signal. Numeral 102 denotes an MPEG decoder, which receives digital broadcasting or the like and outputs a luminance signal and two color-difference signals. Numeral 103 denotes a transmission path encoding circuit, which encodes the luminance signal and the color-difference signals outputted from the MPEG decoder 102 into signals in the forms suited to a transmission path, and transmits these signals. Numeral 104 denotes a display unit such as a TV monitor, which displays the video signal. Numeral 105 denotes a transmission path decoding circuit, which receives the luminance signal and the color difference signals encoded by the transmission path encoding circuit 103, and decodes these signals. Numeral 106 denotes a Y processing circuit, which processes the decoded luminance signal that has been outputted from the transmission path decoding circuit 105. Numeral 107 denotes a chrominance processing circuit, which processes chrominance signals out of the signals outputted from the transmission path decoding circuit 105. Numeral 108 denotes a signal conversion circuit, which converts the Y color-difference signals that have been outputted from the Y processing circuit 106 and the chrominance processing circuit

107 into RGB signals. Numeral 109 denotes a display device, which receives the output from the signal conversion circuit 108 and displays it.

The operation of the so-configured signal transmission system will be described.

The MPEG decoder 102 receives a broadcast wave of digital broadcasting and outputs baseband  $Y P_B P_R$  signals in conformity with the MPEG standard. Since, in the conventional signal transmission system, not the Y color-difference signals but the RGB signals are encoded and transmitted, the  $Y P_B P_R$  signals outputted from the MPEG decoder are converted into the RGB signals. In the signal transmission system according to the first embodiment, however, the  $Y P_B P_R$  signals are inputted, as they are, to the transmission path encoding circuit 103 which performs encoding suited to the transmission path. The transmission path encoding circuit 103 encodes the inputted  $Y P_B P_R$  signals into signals in the forms suited to the transmission path and outputs the encoded signals to the transmission path.

The transmission path decoding circuit 105 decodes the encoded signals which have been received through the transmission path, into the original  $Y P_B P_R$  signals, and outputs the decoded  $Y P_B P_R$  signals. Among the outputs from the transmission path decoding circuit 105, the Y signal as the luminance signal is inputted to the Y processing circuit 106

and subjected to various signal processings such as adjustment of luminance contrast. Further, among the outputs from the transmission path decoding circuit 105, the chrominance signals of  $P_b$  and  $P_r$  are subjected to required processings by the chrominance processing circuit 107, respectively. The signal conversion circuit 108 converts the processed Y signal and chrominance signals which are outputted from the Y processing circuit 106 and the chrominance processing circuit 107 into the RGB signals, and outputs them to the display device 109. The display device 109 receives the RGB signals outputted from the signal conversion circuit 108 and displays them.

In this signal transmission system according to the first embodiment, the Y color-difference signals outputted from the MPEG decoder 102 are encoded and transmitted as they are, whereby a circuit for converting the Y color-difference signals into the RGB signals can be dispensed with at the video signal output unit 101 side (transmitting end). Further, at the display unit 104 side (receiving end), the Y color-difference signals are inputted as they are, whereby a circuit for converting the RGB signals into the Y color-difference signals can be dispensed with, resulting in simplified hardware configuration.

(Embodiment 2)

Hereinafter, a signal transmission system according to a second embodiment of the present invention will be described



with reference to figure 2.

Figure 2 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of the signal transmission system according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

In figure 2, numeral 201 denotes a video signal output unit such as a STB, which outputs a video signal. Numeral 202 denotes an MPEG decoder, which receives digital broadcasting or the like and outputs a luminance signal and two color-difference signals. Numeral 203 denotes a time division multiplexing circuit, which time-division-multiplexes color difference signals  $P_B$  and  $P_R$  that have been outputted from the MPEG decoder 202 and converts them into a single signal line. Numeral 204 denotes a transmission path encoding circuit, which encodes the Y signal outputted from the MPEG decoder 202 and the multiplexed  $P_B P_R$  signal outputted from the time division multiplexing circuit 203 into signals in the forms suited to the transmission path, and transmits these signals. Numeral 205 denotes a display unit such as a TV monitor, which displays the video signal. Numeral 206 denotes a transmission path decoding circuit, which decodes the signals that have been encoded so as to suit the transmission path, into the original Y signal and multiplexed  $P_B P_R$  signal, and outputs these signals. Numeral 207 denotes a demultiplexing circuit, which demultiplexes the multiplexed  $P_B P_R$  signal into the original  $P_B$  signal and  $P_R$  signal. Numeral 208 denotes a Y processing

circuit, which processes the Y signal outputted from the transmission path decoding circuit 206. Numeral 209 denotes a chrominance processing circuit, which processes the demultiplexed  $P_b$  signal and  $P_r$  signal. Numeral 210 denotes a signal conversion circuit, which converts the inputted  $YP_bP_r$  signals into RGB signals. Numeral 211 denotes a display device, which displays the RGB signals outputted from the signal conversion circuit 210.

The operation of the so-configured signal transmission system will be described.

The MPEG decoder 202 receives a video signal, and decodes it to output three signal lines of  $YP_bP_r$ , i.e., a baseband Y signal and two color difference signals, to the time division multiplexing circuit 203. As the sampling frequency of the  $P_b$  signal and the  $P_r$  signal in the horizontal direction is one half of that of the Y signal, the time division multiplexing circuit 203 performs time-base multiplexing on the  $P_b$  signal and the  $P_r$  signal, arranges them alternately, and outputs them in a single line. The transmission path encoding circuit 204 subjects the multiplexed signal  $P_bP_r$  and the Y signal outputted from the MPEG decoder 202 to encoding that is suited to the transmission path, and outputs them to the display unit 205 side.

The transmission path decoding circuit 206 decodes the signals received through the transmission path into the



In figure 4, numeral 402 denotes an MPEG decoder, which receives digital broadcasting or the like and outputs a baseband signal of a video image. Numeral 403 denotes a video output interface, which outputs the video signal that has been outputted from the MPEG decoder 402. Numeral 404 denotes a CPU, which is operated by a program ROM 405 and controls the MPEG decoder 402 and its periphery. Further, the CPU 404 can also control an I<sup>2</sup>C controller 406. Numeral 408 denotes a video input interface, to which the video signal received through a transmission path is inputted. Numeral 409 denotes a device interface, which converts the video signal into a signal suitable for a display device for displaying. Numeral 410 denotes a display device itself such as a LCD or a CRT. Numeral 411 denotes an I<sup>2</sup>C controller, which controls an I<sup>2</sup>C bus and has a ROM table 412 in which information relating to



When, as case 2, broadcasting of 1080i and 5.1-channel is received, since the STB 301 knows that the 1080i cannot be received by the connected TV monitor 302 by the negotiation of the initial protocol, the 1080i is converted into 480p on the STB 301 side. The conversion into 480p is performed because it is known by the previous negotiation that the TV monitor 302 can perform display at a display rate up to 480p. Further, it is also known that audio of 5.1 channel cannot be reproduced by the connected TV monitor, the 5.1 channel is downmixed to 2-



Further, generally, the TV monitor does not output a received signal as it is but enhances the signal with respect





set to a normal mode.

Further, when signals to be transmitted between the STB and the TV monitor are not RGB signals but Y color-difference signals, i.e.,  $Y P_B P_R$  signals, a conversion formula for converting the  $Y P_B P_R$  signals into the original RGB signals on the TV side may be different from that at the STB side and, therefore, the conversion formula itself can be also transmitted. As the conversion formula is described in MPEG stream data, the conversion formula extracted on the STB side is transmitted to the TV monitor side through the I<sup>2</sup>C, whereby the  $Y P_B P_R$  signals can be converted into the normal RGB signals on the TV monitor side.

Further, data transmission in the signal transmission system according to the third embodiment may be carried out such that data are multiplexed by employing a CTL0 or a CTL1 as a video signal line as shown in figure 12.

(Embodiment 4)

Hereinafter, a signal transmission system according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to figures 8 to 16.

Figure 12 is a diagram illustrating the configuration of a selector provided in a video output interface at the transmitting end in the signal transmission system according to the fourth embodiment of the present invention. A difference from the third embodiment is that the video output interface

As the R signal and the CTL0 signal are inputted, the selector 1201 is operated to pass the R signal through when the DE signal is HIGH, while it is operated to pass the CTL0 signal through when the DE signal is LOW. Therefore, the output signal is the R signal during the video signal period while it is the CTL0 signal during the retrace period, which means control data can be transmitted. When the video rate of the output is interlacing, the retrace period becomes as shown on the left hand in figure 8. When the video rate of the output is progressive, it becomes as shown on the right hand in figure 8.

The operation of the so-configured signal transmission system will be described with reference to figure 9.

First of all, the STB asks the TV side about its maker code and device code (S12). When the TV monitor side is a device which had been shipped before standardization, no answer is usually obtained for the asking about the maker code and the device code, and therefore, the processing is ended in this case, and the STB understands that the connected monitor does not support the function of TV monitor control through the I<sup>2</sup>C and decides that no control command will be sent through the I<sup>2</sup>C hereafter (S13).

On the other hand, when an answer is obtained for the asking about the maker code and device code, the STB checks whether or not the maker and device are of the types the STB has already known (S14). In the case where the maker and device are of the known types, the processing is ended, and the connected monitor operates so as to change the output of the most suitable video and audio in combination with the STB itself since the performance of the connected monitor is known to the STB side (S15). When it is judged in S14 that the maker and device are of unknown types (UNKNOWN\_TYPE), the rate at which display is possible and the number of audio channels are sequentially confirmed. Industrial standards should be created in advance for basic adjustment functions of adjusting volume, mute, brightness, contrast, etc., and the STB judges that these

In figure 13, numeral 1301 denotes a receiving TV monitor itself. Numeral 1302 denotes a video input interface, to which a video signal received thorough a transmission path is inputted. Numeral 1303 denotes a control data separation part, which separates only control data out of the video signal. Numeral 1304 denotes a temporary storage part, which temporarily stores the control data. Numeral 1305 denotes a picture quality control part, which corrects picture quality of the vide signal. Numeral 1306 denotes a device interface, which is an interface for a display device 1307. Numeral 1308 denotes a CPU, which is used to control the picture quality control part 1305 with respect to a control signal from the control data separation part 1303, which requires no real time

Since data attached to each frame is desired to be inputted to the picture quality control part 1305 without intervention of the CPU 1308, the control signal to the picture quality control part 1305 is also outputted from the control data separation part 1303 directly. As an example of a control signal, there is information indicating that a decoded picture is any of I picture, P picture, and B picture, or whether a material of each frame is picked up by progressive scanning or interlaced scanning, or the like.

Figure 14 is a diagram showing an example of a control signal to be transmitted for each frame. Here, a description will be given taking a case where telecine information is

superposed, as an example. In the case of a telecine picture, there exists a field which is outputted repeatedly. Conventionally, a field memory is provided at the receiving end, and whether a field has been repeated or not is detected by taking a difference between fields, and scanning conversion is carried out.

Figure 15 is a block diagram illustrating a conversion circuit for converting a telecine material from 24p into 60p, for example. In figure 15, numerals 1501, 1502, and 1503 denote field memories, and each field memory delays an input by one field and outputs it. A correlation calculation means 1504 examines correlation between a signal that is delayed by these field memories and then inputted and the present signal, for each pixel. When there is correlation, the correlation calculation means 1504 judges that the present field has been repeated, and operates to control a selecting means 1505 which selects a field memory the output of which is to be outputted, from among the field memories. In the conventional field repeat detecting means, when the detecting accuracy is to be increased, the calculation of correlation becomes complicated, resulting in heavy hardware. Further, in the case where quite similar patterns are processed, erroneous detection cannot be avoided.

To solve the above-described problems, in this embodiment a field repeat signal transmission system is employed as shown

In figure 16, numeral 1601 denotes a MPEG decoder which decodes a broadcast wave and outputs a baseband video signal, and this MPEG decoder also outputs information as to whether a frame included in a stream of the broadcast wave is a top field or a bottom field, and information as to whether a field has been repeated or not. Numeral 1602 denotes a transmission path encoding circuit, which encodes RGB signals outputted from the MPEG decoder 1601 into signals in the forms suited to the transmission path, and outputs the encoded signals during a scanning period, while superposes the top/bottom information and the field repeat information according to the form of the above-described control data during a retrace period. Numeral 1603 denotes a transmission path decoding circuit, which decodes the signals received through the transmission path into the original RGB signals, subjects the RGB signals to matrix conversion into Y color-difference signals, and outputs the Y color-difference signals. Numerals 1604, 1605, and 1606 denote field memories, and each field memory delays a video signal by a field. Numeral 1607 denotes a retrace period code analysis means which extracts the information superposed on the control data. Numeral 1608 denotes a selecting means which receives output from the control period code analysis means 1607 and selects a field memory whose output is to be outputted.

By the above-described configuration, the retrace period



code analysis means 1608 can reproduce, without errors, the top/bottom information and the field repeat information which have been superposed at the transmitting end, and therefore, a Y output signal can be obtained by employing the correct field repeat information and top/bottom information.

Next, a description will be given of an output picture when conversion from 24p into 60p is performed on the monitor TV side employing these means and the picture is outputted, with reference to figure 14. In figure 14, numeral A1 denotes a first field of frame A, and numeral A2 denotes a second field of the same frame A. A TV monitor input signal is supposed to be a signal for example in which the A1 is followed by the A2 and then the field-repeated A1 comes again, temporally. In that case, a TV monitor output signal is a signal in which a frame composed of the A1 and the A2 is outputted and another frame composed of the A1 and the A2 similarly is outputted next. Here, when it is correctly detected that the third field of the input signal to the monitor is the same A1 as the first field, a correct picture composed of the A1 and the A2 is configured for the third frame of the TV monitor output signal. However, when there is erroneous detection at this time, the picture is not reproduced correctly. In this configuration as shown in figure 16, judgement is made on whether a field is repeated or not according to the top/bottom information and the field repeat information of the MPEG stream information superposed at

Further, as another example, information relating to the compression ratio of the MPEG may also be superposed. In this case, as for the compression ratio of the MPEG, a video stream of some megabits per second can be obtained from a header of an elementary stream of the MPEG. Further, horizontal/vertical sizes as well as a frame rate can be also obtained. Therefore, by notifying the TV side of a relationship between the horizontal/vertical sizes as well as the frame rate and a bit rate, a parameter for noise elimination can be set. In this way, it can be avoided that an appropriate processing cannot be

performed since information relating to the compression ratio of the MEGG is not known to the transmitting end, as conventional.

As another example, information as to whether a material is imaged by a progressive camera or an interlacing camera can be also known from the header of the MPEG stream, and thus this information can be transmitted as similar control data. This data can be utilized for selection of an IP conversion method, that is, a method of conversion from interlacing into progressive, on the TV monitor side. Conventionally, a motion detection circuit is required to perform correct IP conversion and this motion detection circuit is employed to perform progressive interpolation in a static area, while to perform interlacing interpolation in a moving image area. However, this motion detection circuit is not required here. Further, even when a material is interlacing, or when a graphics layer such as an OSD is superimposed on most of the screen, the progressive interpolation is appropriate. Whether the OSD or the like is superimposed or not is known inside the STB, and when the OSD or the like is superimposed, a control signal is subjected to the progressive interpolation and transmitted, thereby performing correct interpolation.

Further, in data transmission in the signal transmission system according to the fourth embodiment, data with low transmission rate may be transmitted through the I<sup>2</sup>C bus shown

in figure 4.

Further, in the second embodiment, the color difference signals are multiplexed into a single signal, whereby the whole video signals can be transmitted through two transmission paths, while three signal lines are required in the first embodiment, and therefore a signal for discriminating a natural picture outputted from the MPEG decoder and an OSD area can be transmitted through the remaining signal line. By transmitting this signal, even when an error in IP conversion occurs during broadcasting of 480p, the broadcasting of the 480p data is not adversely affected and display with high picture quality is possible. Further, characters and natural pictures can be processed separately for each pixel.

Further, in the second embodiment, only two transmission paths are required, whereby the remaining transmission path can be defined as a user-defined signal line.

Further, the description has been given of the case where a unit which outputs the video signal is the STB in figure 4, just the same configuration can be applied to a case where the unit is a digital camera or a notebook computer which requires power saving. In the case of a mobile terminal such as a digital camera or a notebook computer, a static picture is transmitted, and thus when a memory is held in the video input interface 408 on the TV monitor side or for example in the picture quality control part 1305 in the TV monitor body,

presence or absence of the memory and capacity of the memory are first confirmed by 11C bus control or control employing the CTLO or the CTL1, then a controlling side (mobile terminal side) instructs the TV monitor side of storage into the memory, and the controlling side (mobile terminal side) transmits a picture or pictures in the number within the memory capacity of the TV monitor side to the TV monitor side through the video output interface 403 at the instruction of a user. The TV monitor side stores a video image set by the user in the video input interface 408 on the TV monitor side or for example in the picture quality control part 1305 in the TV monitor body. When the TV monitor side is found not to have a memory by the confirmation of the presence or absence of the memory in the first step, a video signal is always outputted as well as a motion picture. Further, in the case of a PC, the same control is performed every time a video image inside is changed, and thus static data is transmitted in the above-described sequence when a change occurs in the video image of the PC. By this construction, a static image held on the TV monitor side can be continuously displayed on the TV monitor side without re-transmitting the same static picture continuously from the mobile terminal such as a digital camera or a notebook computer. Therefore, the video output interface in the digital camera as a video signal generating end is required to operate only when transmitting a static picture, resulting in power saving. By

